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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The amounts provided for water-supply schemes for Vridhachalam taluk during 1954–55 were Rs. 25,000 under the comprehensive scheme and Rs. 66,700 for seven works under the Local Development works programme respectively."

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—" விருத்தாசலம் தாலூகாவானது குடித் தண்ணீருக்கு மிகவும் அருந்தலான தாலூகாவாகும். அதனால் அந்தத் தாலூகாவில் அநேக இடங்களில் தண்ணீரில தொத்து நோய்கள் ஏற்படுகின்றன. ஆகவே, விருத்தாசலம் தாலூகாவிற்கு ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் தொகையை இன்னும் சற்று உயர்த்துவதோடு, ஒதுக்கிய தொகையையும் கூடிய சீக்கிரம் செலவு செய்து குடி தண்ணீருக்கு வசதி செய்து கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A sum of Rs. 25,950 was spent against the allotment of Rs. 25,000 under the Rural Water-supply Comprehensive Scheme and a sum of Rs. 19,330 was spent under Local Development Works Programme up to 31st March 1955. Under the Local Development Works Programme, seven bore-wells with overhead tanks and pipes are to be put up. This will take some time. It is hoped that the work will be completed during the present year."

Stamping of weights and measures

* 2263 *Q.*—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation from the merchants of Tirunelveli was received by him during his recent visit to Tirunelveli regarding the hardships caused to the merchant community of Tirunelveli by the inordinate delay in the Taluk Office in getting their weights and measures stamped by the concerned authorities; and

(*b*) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. But the ' recent visit ' refers to the period as early as January of this year.

" (*b*) The services of persons responsible for delay in stamping weights and measure have been dispensed with."

Bombay-Cape Comorin Road

* 2264 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the length of Bombay-Cape Comorin Road included in this State;

(*b*) how many new bridges and strengthening of old bridges and culverts are necessary to complete the work;

(*c*) the estimated cost of the scheme;

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(*d*) how much of the work and at what cost, was completed before the end of 1954; and

(*e*) when the rest is expected to be completed?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) 331 miles, 5 furlongs.

" (*b*) Thirty-seven bridges and 1,223 culverts have either to be constructed or reconstructed.

" (*c*) About Rs. 332 lakhs.

" (*d*) & (*e*) Works costing about Rs. 41 lakhs were completed by the end of 1954 and the remaining works are expected to be completed by the end of 1958."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP.—" May I know the number of miles of road constructed during this period and is it a fact that the Central Government have been complaining that there have been laches on the part of the Government in pushing through this programme?"

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no such complaint from the Central Government. About the miles of road constructed, I have not got the particulars. If a separate question is put, I shall furnish him the information."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In connection with the national highway, namely, the West Coast Road, even in 1948 an estimate was prepared for the construction of the Kuppam bridge and there was some controversy with regard to the alignment of the road. It was finally settled in the latter half of 1952. Even now, in spite of the fact that provision has been made in the Budget, the work has not yet commenced. May I know from the Hon. Minister when that work will be commenced or completed?"

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question. I have not got the details as to the stage at which that bridge work stands. If a separate question is put, I can furnish him the details."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Is the road going to be a concrete road or a black top road?"

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is only a black top road."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Has this Government's attention been drawn to an answer given by the Central Minister in Parliament that during this period there has been slackness on the part of the State Government because the grant was half and half and that hereafter it will be made in full so that the work may progress more rapidly?"

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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have no knowledge of it."

Complaint against the Vadakkancheri Police

* 2265 *Q.*—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Police Officers have taken no action against the person who tried to stab the peaceful Sathyagrahis with a sword in front of Anil Mark Beedi Factory at Vadakkancheri (Palghat) in connection with the dispute between workers and management now going on in the factory;

(*b*) whether the District Superintendent of Police, Malabar, has received a copy of the resolution passed at a public meeting held on 27th February 1955 at Vadakkancheri, Palghat taluk Malabar, regarding such indifference; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) As nobody tried to stab Sathyagrahis at Vadakkancheri, the Police were not called upon to take any action against nobody.

" (*b*) The District Superintendent of Police received a copy of the resolution through the Collector.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" സർ, നൂററുക്കണക്കിനാളുകളും ഒരു പോലീസുകാരനും നോക്കിനില്ക്കേയാണ് നിയമവിരുദ്ധമായ ഒരു മാരകായുധംകൊണ്ട് വെട്ടാൻ ചെന്നത്. കണ്ടുനിന്നവർ ഇടപെട്ടതിനുശേഷമാണ് വെട്ടാൻചെന്ന ആൾ മടങ്ങിപ്പോയതും. ഞാൻ തന്നെ അതിനെപ്പററി അന്വേഷണം നടത്തുകയുണ്ടായി. ഈ സംഭവം യഥാർത്ഥമാണെന്നു അവിടത്തെ ഒരു കോൺഗ്രസ്സ് നേതാവും മററാളുകളും പറഞ്ഞു. അതിനെപ്പററി അന്വേഷിക്കാതിരിക്കുക, അന്വേഷിച്ചാൽതന്നെ സത്യം മറച്ചുവെയ്ക്കുക, നടപടി എടുക്കാതിരിക്കുക ഇതെല്ലാം പോലീസിന്റെ മുതലാളിപക്ഷപാതത്തെയാണ് കാണിക്കുന്നത്. അതിനെപ്പററി വീണ്ടും ഒരു അന്വേഷണം നടത്താൻ തയ്യാറാണെങ്കിൽ തെളിവു നല്കാൻ ഞാൻ തയ്യാറാണ്. വീണ്ടും ശരിയായ ഒരന്വേഷണത്തിന്നു ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു തയ്യാറാണോ ? "

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (translation) :—" The persons concerned attempted to stab peaceful satyagrahis with deadly weapons and, as a matter of fact, some important citizens witnessed it. Yet, what action has been taken by the Government to inquire into the matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This incident was over long ago and nobody was injured in that so-called attempt to stab. Therefore, I do not think any useful purpose will be served by instituting another inquiry now."